

64 2831

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

		Application Number	09/970,570
		Filing Date	10/04/2001
		First Named Inventor	Noboru Yasuda
		Group Art Unit	2831
		Examiner Name	Dhirubhai R. Patel
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	3	Attorney Docket Number	51441 US

RECEIVED
JAN 24 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2900

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	Acknowledgement Card
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Jennifer M. Slonaker - Barley, Snyder, Senft & Cohen, LLC
Signature	
Date	01/17/2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

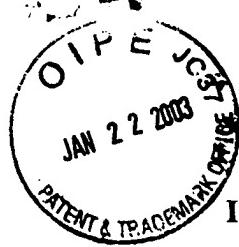
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class
mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date:

1/17/2003

Typed or printed name	JoAnn F. Dillaway
Signature	
Date	01/17/2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

B



RECEIVED
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

JAN 24 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

#6 P.E.A.N.
24-03

In the Matter of the Application of: Noboru Yasuda

Serial No.: 09/970,570

Filed: 10/4/2001

For: Waterproof Grommet

Examiner: Dhirubhai R. Patel

Group Art Unit: 2831

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail addressed to Box Non-Fee Amendment, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on January 17, 2003.

JoAnn F. Dillaway
JoAnn F. Dillaway

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 8, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 8, 2003, a clean version of the replacement paragraph as required under 37 CFR 1.121 is provided herein.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, line 32 to page 5, line 5 with the following:

The first member 20 is formed from an elastic material that is softer than the material used to form the second member 30. The first member 20 and the second member 30 are